## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

BAYOU STEEL BD HOLDINGS, L.L.C., et al.,1

Debtors.

Chapter 11
Bankruptcy Case
No. 19-1253-KBO
(Jointly Administered)

TROY FLEMING, JARROD NABOR, and DAVARIAN URSIN, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Adv. Pro. No. 19-50392-KBO c/w Adv. Pro. No. 19-50748-KBO

BAYOU STEEL BD HOLDINGS, L.L.C. dba BAYOU STEEL GROUP, BD BAYOU STEEL INVESTMENT, LLC, BD LAPLACE, LLC, BAYOU STEEL BD HOLDINGS II, L.L.C., and BLACK DIAMOND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC,

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

Defendants.

## **NOTICE OF FRCP 41 VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL**

**NOW INTO COURT,** through undersigned counsel, comes Plaintiffs, Troy Fleming, Jarrod Nabor, Davarian Ursin, Charles Ziegeler, and Ronnie Millet ("Plaintiffs"),<sup>2</sup> on behalf of themselves and a putative class of similarly situated former employees of Bayou Steel BD Holdings, L.L.C. *dba* Bayou Steel Group *fka* BD Long Products, LLC ("BD Holdings"), BD Bayou Steel Investment, LLC ("BD Investment"), and BD LaPlace, LLC *fka* Arcelormittal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these cases are Bayou Steel BD Holdings, L.L.C. (Bankr. Case No. 19-12153-KBO); BD Bayou Steel Investment, LLC (Bankr. Case No. 19-12154-KBO); and BD LaPlace, LLC (Bankr. Case No. 19-12155-KBO). The last four digits of the taxpayer identification numbers for each of the Debtors follow in parenthesis: (i) Bayou Steel BD Holdings, L.L.C. (1984); (ii) BD Bayou Steel Investment, LLC (1222); and (iii) BD LaPlace, LLC (5783). The mailing address for the Debtors is 138 Highway 3217, LaPlace, Louisiana 70068.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Plaintiffs were originally part of two separate but nearly identical WARN Act actions, but those adversary proceedings were consolidated on January 2, 2020. *See* D.I. 26.

LaPlace, LLC ("BD LaPlace" and, collectively, "Debtors"), who hereby file this Notice of Voluntary Dismissal under Rule 41(a)(1), made applicable by Rule 7041 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, as it relates to the Defendants Bayou Steel BD Holdings II, L.L.C. ("Bayou Steel Parent"), and Black Diamond Capital Management, LLC ("Black Diamond" and, collectively with Bayou Steel Parent, "Voluntarily Dismissed Defendants"). Voluntarily Dismissed Defendants have not yet filed an answer or served a motion for summary judgment.

Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 41, the plaintiff may dismiss an action without a court order by filing a "notice of dismissal before the opposing party serves either an answer or a motion for summary judgment." Even where a separate defendant has filed an answer, the plaintiff may still voluntarily dismiss all claims against a defendant who has not yet answered. See, e.g., Terry v. Pearlman, 42 F.R.D. 335, 337 (D. Mass. 1967) ("Where notice of dismissal is filed under Rule 41(a)(1) with regard to one of several defendants, who has served neither an answer nor a motion for summary judgment, dismissal should not be precluded by the fact that other defendants have served an answer or a motion for summary judgment") (citing 5 Moore's Federal Practice, at 1088); *Miniter* v. Moon, 736 F.Supp.2d 41, 45 (D. D.C. 2010) ("[N]one of the defendants the plaintiff purports to dismiss has filed an answer or motion for summary judgment. Therefore, the plaintiff properly dismissed his claims against these defendants pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i)."); Sheldon v. Amperex Elec. Corp., 52 F.R.D. 1, 9 (E.D.N.Y. 1971) ("Service of a notice of motion for summary judgment by one or more of several defendants (or of an answer, for that matter), does not foreclose the plaintiff from dismissing as to any other defendant who has not served notice of such a motion.").

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(i), this Notice is a voluntary dismissal without prejudice of all claims by Plaintiffs against the Voluntarily Dismissed Defendants (for clarity's

sake, Bayou Steel Parent and Black Diamond). All claims against the other defendants to this case, referred to as the Debtor Defendants, were dismissed by order of this Court on May 14, 2020 (see D.I. 61).

**THEREFORE**, pursuant to this Notice, Plaintiff's claims against Bayou Steel Parent and Black Diamond are hereby dismissed without prejudice.

Dated: May 19, 2020 Respectfully submitted,

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